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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. FAILURE OF PRP TO RETURN STEVEN SMITH JULY 2 MEANS WE MUST TRY AGAIN TO ANALYZE WHAT IS GOING ON. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPT OR KINSHASA CAN GIVE US ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WHAT IF ANYTHING IS KNOWN OF ALFRED NONDO?

B. IS ANYTHING KNOWN OF LT. PORTEFEUILLE KATCHOKA, OR OF OTHERS NAMED IN STUDENTS' LETTERS (DAR ES SALAAM 2186 AND 2187), NAMELY ADAMU SAIDI AND KANITATU PORTACES (OR PORACES)?

C. DOES THE NAME OF ADRIEN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) RING ANY BELLS-- HE IS APPARENTLY A SUBORDINATE OF ALFRED NONDO.

D. WHAT IS KNOWN OF THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, CHARACTER, ETC., OF LAURENT DESIRE KABILA, PRESIDENT OF PRP?

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E. WHO ARE OTHER TOP AIDES TO KABILA, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MIGHT OUTRANK ALFRED NONDO OR HOLD RANK OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (TWO-STAR GENERAL)? WHAT ARE THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS? IN THIS CONNECTION, DO THE DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN BY BARBARA SMUTS AT PP. 12-13 AND 26 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO DAR ES SALAAM A-86 RING ANY BELLS?

F. STUDENTS HAVE INCIATED THEY WERE REGULARLY TOLD THAT HEWA BORA, CAPITAL OF PRP QTE STATE UNQTE, IS LOCATED 600 KILOMETERS OR 9-10 DAYS MARCH FROM THEIR LAKESIDE LOCATION, APPARENTLY IN WEST-NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. IS THIS CREDIBLE, OR IS IT PROBABLE THAT HEWA BORA IS IN FACT MUCH CLOSER TO WHERE STUDENTS WERE HELD?

2. PURPOSE OF THESE QUESTIONS IS TO CAST LIGHT ON FOLLOWING POSSIBLE EXPLANATION OF RECENT EVENTS: FIRST ASSUMPTION: KABILA HAS BEEN IN FAR CLOSER TOUCH WITH ALFRED AND WITH KIDNAPPING OPERATION THAN STUDENTS WERE TOLD, AND INDEED IS PROBABLY ONE OF PEOPLE THAT BARBARA SMUTS MET. SECOND ASSUMPTION: NONDO, WHO BY ALL ACCOUNTS WAS MORE THAN NECESSARILY SOLICITOUS OF STUDENTS' WELFARE, HAD EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH WITH EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AND WAS BOTH SURPRISED AND DISPLEASED WHEN KABILA CHANGED SIGNALS AND RETAINED SMITH. THIRD ASSUMPTION: KABILA HAVING DECIDED TO HOLD ON TO SMITH BEYOND THE SECOND, JULY 2, RELEASE DATE, NONDO WROTE LETTER TO MISSIONARY MARROW (DAR 2351) TO TRY TO REASSURE HIM THAT ALL WILL COME OUT ALL RIGHT.

3. IF THIS THEORY CORRECT, THEN THE QTE TWO WEEKS UNQTE MENTIONED IN NONDO'S LETTER MAY INDICATE THAT KABILA INTENDS TO HOLD SMITH UNTIL EXPIRATION OF ORIGINAL 60 DAY TIME LIMIT (DAR 1693) SET BY KIDNAPPERS, WHICH WOULD EXPIRE EVENING JULY 18 OR ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS FROM THE JULY 2 DATE, IN HOPES THAT PRESSURES OF APPROACHING QTE DEADLINE UNQTE MIGHT LEAD TO RELEASE OF FURTHER PRP PRISONERS.

4. HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 156579. WILL AWAIT RETURN OF MACFARLANE THIS AFTERNOON, WITH ORIGINAL OF LETTER TO MARROW, BEFORE COMMENTING IN DETAIL, THOUGH SCENARIO SUGGESTED ABOVE WOULD SUGGEST THAT QTE DELAY UNQTE REFERRED TO BY NONDO IS PRP DELAY IN RELEASING SMITH. THE OTHER, AND MORE FRIGHTENING, CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERPRETATION IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE, THOUGH IT DOES NOT SEEM CONSONANT WITH HIS SWORN PROTESTATIONS THAT SMITH WILL BE FREED CONTAINED IN THE FIRST QUOTED SENTENCE.
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